

Murrieta City Redistricting Tool

User Guide

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[Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#) is a free-to-use online redistricting tool that allows users to work with the same geographies and data that the Murrieta City Council will use to create our new election districts. Through [Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#), you can create redistricting plans while referencing the population data associated with each district in your plan. When you are finished, you can submit your district input directly to the Murrieta City Council. Everyone who lives in Murrieta is invited to participate.

How to use Murrieta City Redistricting Tool!

Through [Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#)!, you can draw one district, a few districts, or a redistricting plan for the entire city.

When you are creating districts, try to follow these guidelines:

- Try to keep each district in your plan to **within 5% above or below the ideal population** for the district type you are working on. You can check the % Deviation column in the Statistics Panel as you work. The % Deviation indicates how far above or below the ideal population the districts in your plan are. The ideal population for each city district is 22,237.
- Your districts should be drawn as one shape on the map. Avoid drawing a map that represents your district as broken up into more than one piece.

When you are finished with your district map, send it to the council by clicking the "Submit" button. Your district map and comments will be sent directly to the Murrieta City Council for consideration during the line-drawing process.

Log In or Use as a Guest

You can use [Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#) as a guest or by creating an account. If you make an account you'll be able to save your work as a draft and finish it later. You will also be able to view any maps you submitted to the Council at an earlier date. If you already have an

account with **Murrieta City Redistricting Tool**, you can use the same login information for this tool.

To create a new account, click the “Sign up here” link on the home page, complete the form, and check your email. Follow the instructions in the email we send you to verify your account. If you do not see a verification email, check your spam or promotions folder.

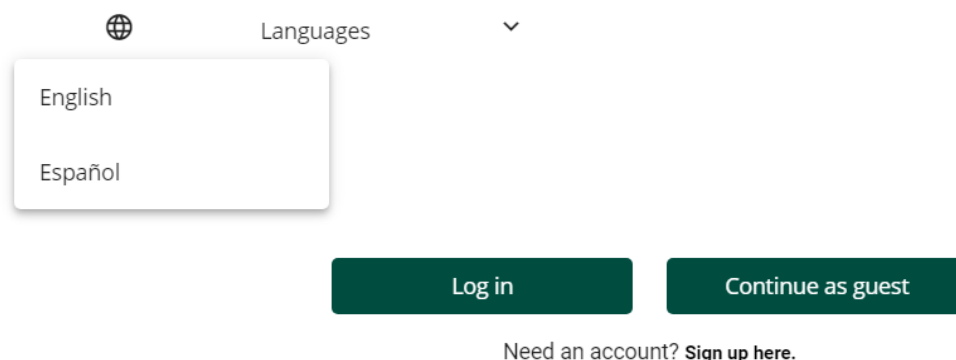
Once you log in to your account, you will be taken to a page called “My Maps.” Click “Start a New Map” to draw your first district.

To use the tool as a guest, click “Continue as Guest” on the login page. You will be able to do everything a logged-in user can do except save your work to edit at a later time and run some of the district compliance checks. If you start using **Murrieta City Redistricting Tool** as a guest and decide you would like to save your work, you can still create an account and log in after you’ve started drawing your district map.

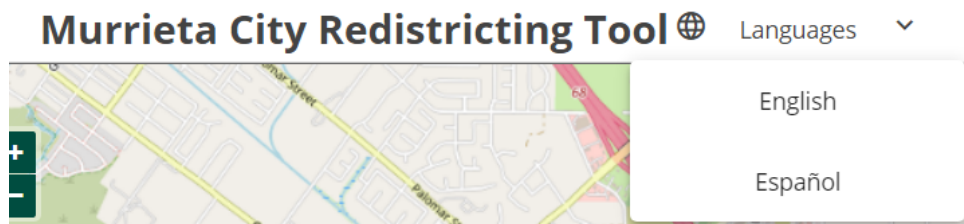
Languages

Murrieta City Redistricting Tool is available in English and Spanish. You can change the language you are working in at any time.

At the **Welcome Page**, you can change the language by clicking the “Languages” menu in the top left corner of the window.



You can also change the language from the main page of **Murrieta City Redistricting Tool** by clicking the “Languages” menu at the upper left-hand corner of the screen.



Drawing

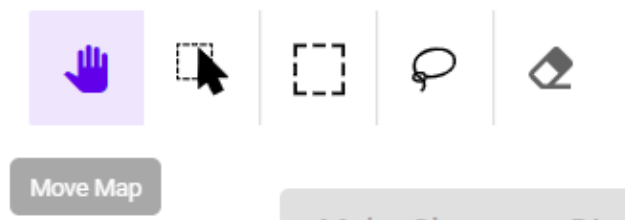
Click on the word **Drawing** on the left-hand side of the page to expand this section. You will see the tools you can use to move the map, draw your map and more.

Moving the Map

Move Map

When you open [Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#), the **Move Map** button is enabled by default. You can click on this icon at any time to use this tool.

Click and drag anywhere on the map to move the map.



Zooming In and Out

To zoom in and out of the map, click the “plus” or “minus” [“+”/“-”] buttons at the top left corner of the map area or use the trackpad on a laptop or the wheel of a mouse.



Drawing Tools

You can create a new district or add or remove an area from an existing district by using the drawing tools to make selections. Before making a selection, choose “Add” or “Remove” mode, and then use the drawing tools to select shapes on the map:

- **Add by Clicking:** To add area to your districts, click individual shapes in the Drawing Layer to add those shapes to your district map.
- **Add by Rectangle:** Click and drag across an area on the map.

- **Add by Freehand:** Click and freehand draw an area on the map.
- **Deselect Area:** To erase an area from your selection, either click or click and drag across an area.
- **Undo/Redo:** Undo or redo recent changes.

After selecting an area on the map, click “Make Changes to District” to update the shape of your district.



Creating a District

The selection you make with the drawing tools will be represented by a highlighted area on the map. To create your first district, highlight an area on the map, click “Make Change to District,” and name your new district.

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New District

Name

ADD DISTRICT

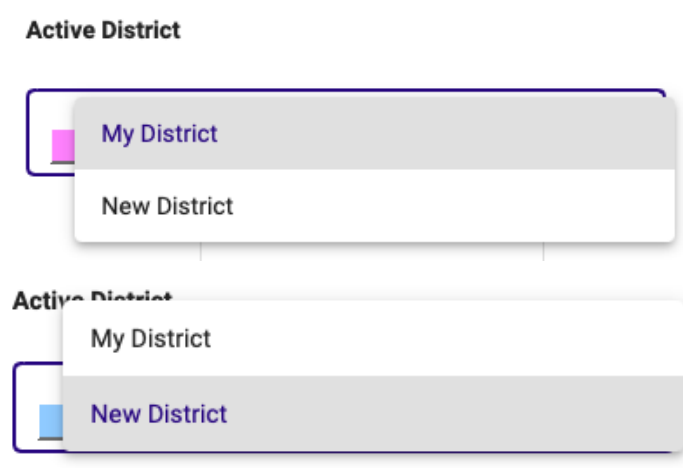
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New District

Name

ADD DISTRICT


Your district will now appear shaded in on the map, and its name will display in the “Active District” dropdown menu. After creating your first district, you can create additional districts by selecting “New District” from this dropdown menu and following the same steps to select an area and create another district.



Comments


If you want to add a note to any individual district you create, you can use the 'Comments' box to enter text. District comments will be sent to the Murrieta City Council with your district map.

Active District

 New District ▼

Name

Comments

Lock 

Making Changes to Districts

To edit an existing district, first, select the district's name in the "Active District" dropdown menu. Then choose either "Add" or "Remove" mode and use the drawing tools to make selections. If you are adding an area to your existing district, select areas outside of it. If you are removing an area from your district, select areas within it. Click "Make Change to District" to add or remove the selected area from your district.

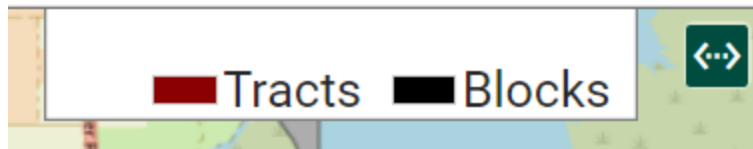
Changes must be applied by clicking "Make Change to District" before you switch between Add or Remove mode, as a selection can only be made in one mode at a time. Similarly, changes must be applied before you zoom between different drawing layers, as a selection can only be made in one drawing layer at a time. If you attempt to switch modes or draw layers without first

clicking “Make Change to District,” you will be prompted to either clear your selection in order to proceed or remain on your selection and apply changes.

You can also update the name or comments on the Active District at any time. Remember to apply these changes by clicking “Make Change to District.”

Map Legend

The Drawing Layers are color-coded. For help remembering which color corresponds with each Drawing Layer, view the map’s **Legend** in the upper right corner of the screen.



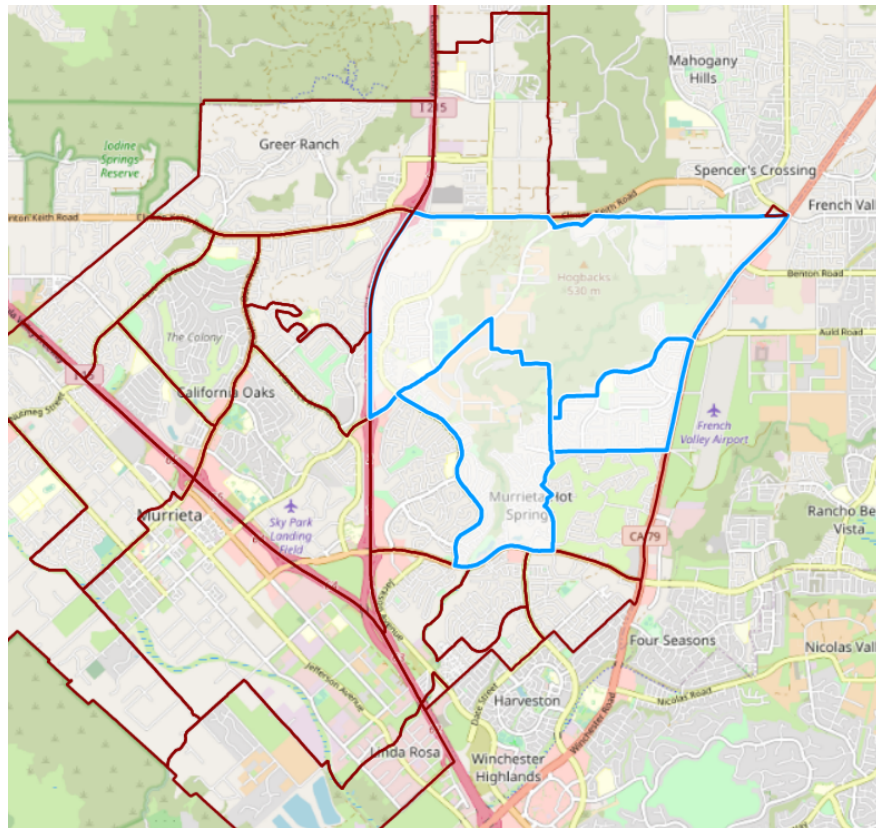
Where did the Drawing Layers come from?

[Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#) works with five Drawing Layers. Each layer shows a different level of detail in the shapes that make up the layer. The Drawing Layers are based on census geography, which is created by the U.S. Census Bureau. **This is the geography that the Murrieta City Council will use to create districts.**

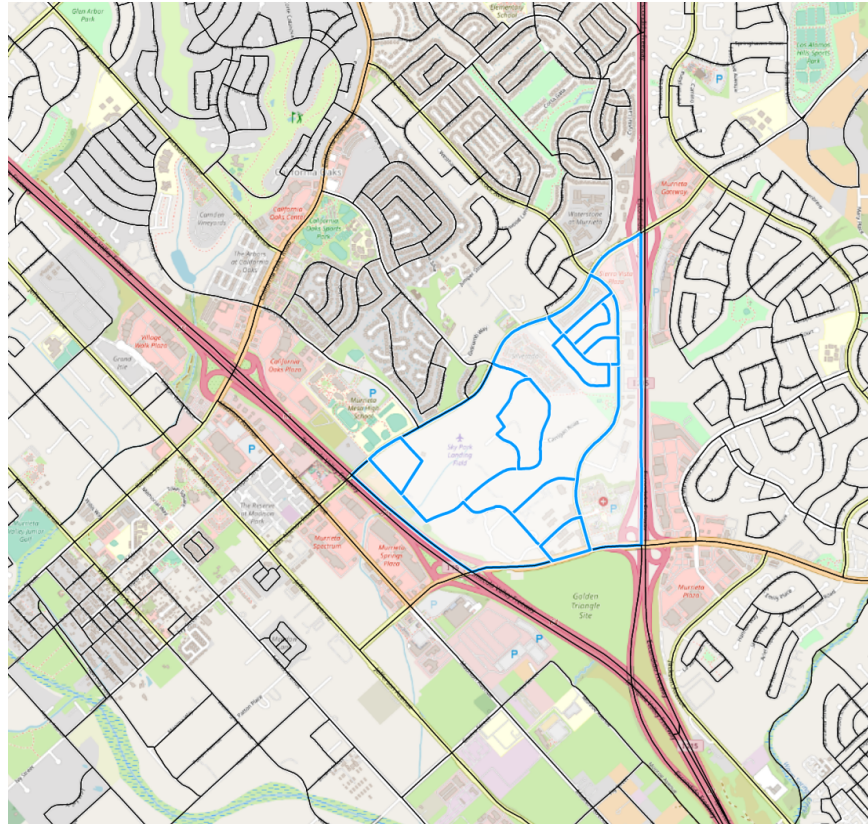
There are many levels of census geography, ranging from large (nation-wide) to small (block).

This is the list of census geography levels we use as our Drawing Layers, in order of largest to smallest.

- **Tracts:**
 - Generally speaking, there are often multiple census tracts in a city, but a census tract might be larger than a small, rural town. *Tracts do not necessarily follow the same boundaries as cities and towns.*



- **Blocks:**
 - This is the smallest unit of census geography. In metropolitan areas, a census block can be the size of a city block, in rural areas the space covered by a single census block is often much larger.



District Statistics

Click the word “Statistics” at the bottom of the map to expand the Statistics Panel. Here you can access information about the population and demographics of the district you are actively working on.



The Statistics Panel displays population-related statistics of your active district and any other districts affected by changes to the active district. The active district and any affected districts are listed in the tabs above the statistics table. In the example below, District 1 is the active district, and the area selected to add to it would be removed from District 2.

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Statistics

Population Data

Population Totals

District 1

District 2

Value	Population	%Deviation	%Latino	%White	%Black	%Asian	%MMR
Current	2,852	-87.17 %	38.29 %	38.15 %	9.12 %	9.54 %	1.02 %
Selected Area	141	-99.37 %	38.30 %	26.24 %	5.67 %	24.82 %	0.71 %
Proposed	2,993	-86.54 %	38.29 %	37.59 %	8.95 %	10.26 %	1.00 %

The statistics shown in the “**Current**” row include demographics associated with areas already assigned to the active district. The population data of the geography highlighted in blue on the map is listed in the “**Selected Area**” row. The “**Proposed**” row shows what the statistics of the active district will be if you add or remove the selected area to your active district.

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The demographics available on the Statistics Panel include the total population and race and ethnicity data of people who live in the district you are working in. The Statistics Panel also shows the “**% Deviation**,” which indicates how far below or above the population of your active district is from the ideal population of the district type you are working on.

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		Population Totals ▾					
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In addition to total population data, the Statistics Panel also displays race and ethnicity statistics by Voting Age Population and Citizen Voting Age Population. To change what type of data is displayed on the Statistics Panel, click the dropdown menu in the top right-hand corner of the panel and choose a data category.

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Saving

If you are logged into your [Murrieta City Redistricting Tool](#) account, you can save your work as a draft.

- Click the “Save” button at the bottom left-hand corner of the screen.
- Click “Yes, Save Draft” to save your work

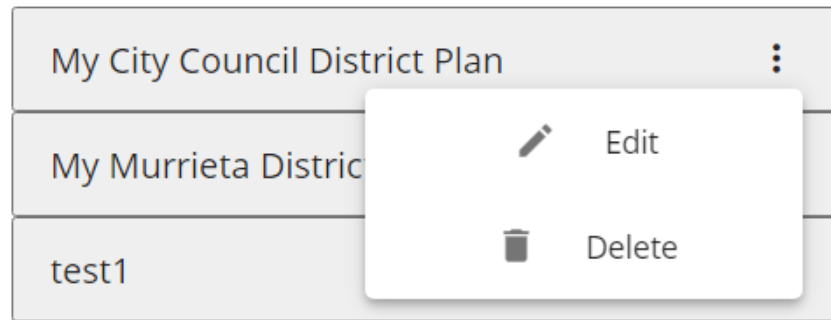
If you are using Murrieta City Redistricting Tool as a guest, you will be asked to create an account in order to save a draft.

My Plans

When you save a draft, you will be taken to the **My Plans** page, where you will find a list of all your saved drafts and submissions. When you click on a draft or submission, the map of those districts will appear on the screen.

To edit a draft, click the three dots next to the name of the draft. Choose “Edit” to keep working on your districts.

Drafts



Submitting

When you are ready to send your district map and comments to the Murrieta City Council, click “Submit.” You will have one last chance to review your work before it is sent to the Council.

Once your plan is submitted, you cannot make any further changes.

- Review your district statistics and the results of the Compliance Check on your plan.
- Add any general comments about your redistricting plan that you’d like to share with the Council.
- Click “Submit.” Your input will be sent to the Murrieta City Council!
- If you are logged in when you submit, you will receive an email verifying that your district map has been sent to the Council. As a logged-in user, you can also view your submission map at any time in My Plans.
- We suggest you download a copy of your input right after submitting it. That way you will have a copy of your input for your records!

Privacy Notice and Disclaimer

Once you submit your input to the Murrieta City Council, it becomes part of the public record and the Council may make the information you provide readily available to the public.

Input submitted through the [Murrieta City Redistricting tool](#) will be reviewed and considered, however, the districts you create are not guaranteed to be kept together in Murrieta’s new redistricting plans.